Shirnking Tobacco Business

3582. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco business in the country is shrinking due to various factors;

(b) whether Government are aware of its adverse impact on the tobacco growing farmers; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the tobacco farmers by helping them to shift to alternative vocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.Asfaras production of FCV tobacco is concerned, there is a steady increase in the overall production of FCV tobacco in the country. However, production of FCV tobacco in black soils is declining while it is increasing in the light soils.

(b) and (c) The Tobacco Board is advising the growers to switch over to alternate crops in the regions where the tobacco produced is of inferior quality or the tobacco cultivation is unremunerative to the growers.

Reduction in Duty

3583. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced Duty Entitlement Pass Book rates for cotton textiles; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government has reduced Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates for textile items including cotton textiles *vide* Public Notice No. 39/2004-09 dated 30.12.2004 issued by Department of Commerce.The details of revised DEPB rates of cotton textile items is given in the following Statement. (See below)

Statement

DEPB rates of Cotton Textile Items

S.No.	Description	DEPB rates prior to 30.12.2004		DEPB Rates w.e.f. 30.12.2004	
		DEPB rate for DEPB entitlement	Value cap	DEPB rate for DEPB entitlement	Value cap
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Blouses made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 125/pc	4.40	Rs.125/pc
2.	Blouson made of cotton textile items with lining	6.10	Rs. 125/pc	4.40	Rs. 125/pc
3.	Blouson made of cotton textile items with lining and hood	6.10	Rs. 165/pc	4.40	Rs. 165/pc
4.	Blouson made of cotton textile items with lining and non woven fusible lining	6.10	Rs. 165/pc	4.40	Rs. 165/pc
5.	Blouson made of cotton textile items with lining and non woven fusible lining and hood	6.10	Rs. 165/pc	4.40	Rs. 165/pc
6.	Children's sweat shirts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 60/pc	4.40	Rs. 60/pc
7.	Cotton knited ladies panty (dyed)/ Gents brief (dyed) made of cotton yam containing 85% or by weight of cotton	4.40		3.20	
8.	Cotton knited ladies panty (dyed)/ Gents brief (dyed) made of cotton yam containing less than 85% by weight of cotton	4.40		3.20	
9.	Cotton knitted night gowns/night dress (dyed) made of cotton yam containing more than 85% by weight of cotton	4.40		3.20	
10.	Cotton knitted night gowns/night dress (dyed) made of cotton yam containing less than 85% by weight	4.40		3.20	
11.	Cotton socks/stockings (knitted)	4.40		3.20	
12.	Cotton sports vests (knitted) made of cotton yarn containing more than 85% by weight of cotton	4.40		3.20	

1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	Cotton sports vests (knitted) made of cotton yam containing less than 85% by weight of cotton	4.40		3.20	
14.	Cotton track suit (knitted)	4.40		3.20	
15.	Gents Bermudas/mains shorts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 125/pc	4.40	Rs. 125/pc
16.	Gents full/half sleeves shirts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 300/pc	4.40	Rs. 300/pc
17.	Gents jackets with or without lining of made cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 400/pc	4.40	Rs. 400/pc
18.	Gents long coat with lining made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 400/pc	4.40	Rs. 400/pc
19.	Jeans made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 150/pc	4.40	Rs. 150/pc
20.	Ladies jumps suits made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 165/pc	4.40	Rs. 165/pc
21.	Ladies longcoats made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 350/pc	4.40	Rs. 350/pc
22.	Ladies night wears made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 300/pc	4.40	Rs. 300/pc
23.	Ladies shorts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 125/pc	4.40	Rs. 125/pc
24.	Ladies skirts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 125/pc	4.40	Rs. 125/pc
25.	Ladies full sleeves/half sleeves shirts made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 250/pc	4.40	Rs. 250/pc
26.	Ladies jackets with or without lining made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 400/pc	4.40	Rs. 400/pc
27.	Sweat shirts (of standard sizes) made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 160/pc	4.40	Rs. 160/pc
28.	Trousers made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 150/pc	4.40	Rs. 150/pc
29.	Ladies dresses made of cotton textile items	6.10	Rs. 150/pc	4.40	Rs. 150/pc
30.	Blanketing cloth made of cotton textile items	3.90		2.80	
31.	Cotton fabric dyed and/or printed and/or bleached with or without embroidery and/or with or without metallicy yarn	3.90		2.80	

1	2	3	4	5	6
32.	100% Cotton yarn dyed fabric	3.90		2.80	
33.	T-shirt (Knitted) not containing silk and wool made of Cotton textile items	5.00	Rs. 300/pc	3.60	Rs. 300/pc.
34.	Anorak made of cotton textile items with lingh	6.10		4.40	
35.	Anorak made of cotton textile items with lining and polyester wadding	6.10		4.40	
36.	Cotton made-ups including quilted cotton made-ups with or without embroidery and/or with or without metallised yarn	6.10		4.40	
37.	Cotton fabric/made ups - Grey	3.90		2.80	
38.	Cotton dyed denim doth with/with-out overdyeing/printing/coating containing 50% or more by weight of cotton.	4.40		5.60	
39.	Cotton yam including melange yam	3.30		2.40	
40.	Dyed upholstery/furnishing fabrics made out of cotton yarn	5.00		3.60	

Automobile Exports

3584. SHRI CHO.S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of the automobile exports from the country for all type of vehicles individually during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total number of each of the automobiles exported out of the country during the last three years;

(c) what is the percentage of growth in this sector during the last three years; and

(d) what measures are being taken to increase the exports of automobiles from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The number of different